

gagaku

it's a rhythm
and it comes from
ancient japan
and perhaps before japan
china

and it hasn't changed
in a thousand years

and I play it
on the record player

and I write these poems
to it

and the poems I write
while listening to this
music is
rather are different than
the poems I write
to other music or
to silence

right now a bird sings outside
my writing porch
and its song is perfect
music

the bird's song fits perfectly with the
gagaku music played on the phonograph

perfect
perfect harmony
a delight to be
alive and
hear it